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Brother Phelps

I received your letter yesterday, rather earlier after its date than you did mine. I suppose you will expect to hear fr me soon, ... for a reason or 2 I prefer to write immediately. You say you intend to write me soon respecting some destitute place in your vicinity. Now t old Maxim is, "look b4 you leap". Tho I may not always be able to see with my own eyes whr I am to strike, yt I like somehow to know what sort of a place it is. I suppose you I have not much inclination to jump blindly into any of t "sloughs of despond" in your Unitarian region. Now if you expect me to come into any place in your vicinity to labor, just tell me plainly all you can find out about it; let me know t worst of t case. Again, if you expect me to come into the vicinity, you must write me ere long, & t sooner t better. I must make up my mind soon about it. Perhaps I shall be under t necessity of doing it very soon. Word has been sent on thr I will not come on with any idea of settling even if they shd wish (to settle me) & they want a candidate. I suppose however Drury advised them to send for me, & thus try to hold on if they shd be pleased. Perhaps however they will not wish any one to come on but a candidate. Even if they shd urge me to come on, I do not feel myself yet pledged to go. Yet I feel much inclined to go on. I dont believe your section of t country will furnish a place where

more good need to be done; if it will a place, where more good can easily be done. They must have a man for this sem-, & now when is the man for them? The class is small you know, & most have resolved to go in other directions. I shd expect trials there; & I presume they will be no less in the little soc- at Mendon, or in any of your Unitarian towns. I am not disposed to "jump out of the frying pan, into the fire". Now tell me all about the circumstances of the place you recommend, & convince me that I shd do more good in your vicinity than elsewhere, & I will surely "come over into Macedonia". You say the soc- at Mendon & in most of the towns around you is small. Now they say the soc- in Athol is considerably large. Poor shooters, you know need shoot into a large & dense flock in order to toil not in vain. If you are to be blessed with a revival in Hopkinton, I shd like to be near you, & render what assistance I might be in my power. I trust for your account, that these are blessings in reserve for your people. It betokens good things for Zion, when both Ministers & people feel so deeply in regard to needed blessings, that midnight slumbers are disturbed, & the night watches witness the fervent cry "Lord revive thy work." May you so gain the confidence of the youth, & be so blessed with wisdom & grace as to be the instrument of enkindling the flame of evangelical religion among the members of the liberal minded families around you. Even if I shd go to Athol before or after hearing for you, I may be able to come into your region soon, if it shd be desired: especially if I shd wish to leave Athol or get it supplied for this sem- perhaps for the Middle class. Dedh- association do you expect to be, the Harmony or Suffolk association? Hickok thinks of going to York State in the autumn

& on his account as well as my own, I have lately written to Cushman, Sec'd of the "central agency" in N.Y. & expect an answer soon. I saw my classmate Burget the other day on a visit fr. Ohio, he says he think an agent for the Lib. Class Soc. might do much good in the state. Ansel Clark is doing well, he says on his "education agency," tho' he is getting a little proud by success & flattery. Your classmate Cowles fr. Ohio is also at home on a visit, & it is somewhat uncertain whether he returns. Truman is now in town; & it is somewhat probable he will yet settle in Northington as the people there are yet holding on to him. Amos whom you know, fr. this town, is to be settled in Kelson. Attwater has left Waterbury & gone to Dartmouth the next town north west & where he will probably settle. Thurzi Benedict fr. Vernon has taken his place in Waterbury: how think you he will work in the difficult town of Waterbury. Albro you know has been in Norfolk as a candidate, but the people thought he liked to sing & visit too well, & to write doctrinal sermons not enough, to make Prof. Emerson's place good. Saml Rockwell has left New Preston I understand against the will of the people, & gone to South Farms near Litchfield. There is some seriousness in Mr Boardman's Soc. in this city. I presume he will soon see rich fruits fr. his labors. Brother Baldwin has not yet seen the letter you wrote to him in common with myself. He is over in North Haven. I understand he was published to his Foot Sab. before last. When he intends to be married I know not. Perhaps the ceremonies are past ere this. Winslow of Dover has prepared a reply of 50 pages to Dr Tyler's late "vindication" of his strictures. It is to

be furnished to the students who wish for it, at cost. Dr Woods I understand carried the Manuscript of Dr Beecher etc. hatchelled for him, to N.Y. at the Anniversaries & had it criticised there by some of the Sage Brethren; there he transported the wonderful production to the gen- assembly at Philadelphia & made it pass in review before some of the wise & stiff Presbyterians. The Nondescript production is now said to be forthcoming. The mountain has in very deed long & painfully labored. I venture not to predict the character of the offspring. Prof Fitch thinks they stands all ready to baptize the creature when it is presented before the public. I think you will not he will do it by immersion. Out of pity to the venerable father I hope he will not fasten it to the mind so that it can not emerge to the light & breath of life. If he does not shake the great Dr. on the sharp horns of more than one dilemma, I shall be much disappointed.

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N. Haven June 22
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Care of Dr Beecher.

June 23. Brandon & Fair is too near R. I. Co. Post Roads. Left B. H. Wednesday 9 A.M. arrived there Thursday 6 P.M. Left Brandon Friday 4 A.M. arrived Saratoga Springs Saturday 6 P.M. Left Saratoga Springs Monday 4 A.M. arrived Albany 11 A.M. Left Albany Tuesday 4 P.M. arrived Schenectady 8 P.M. Left Schenectady Wednesday 4 A.M. arrived Utica 11 A.M. Left Utica Thursday 4 A.M. arrived Syracuse 11 A.M. Left Syracuse Friday 4 A.M. arrived Auburn 10 A.M. Left Auburn Saturday 4 A.M. arrived Canandaigua 11 A.M. Left Canandaigua Monday 4 A.M. arrived Batavia 11 A.M. Left Batavia Tuesday 4 A.M. arrived Buffalo 11 A.M. Left Buffalo Wednesday 4 A.M. arrived Lockport 11 A.M. Left Lockport Thursday 4 A.M. arrived Rochester 11 A.M. Left Rochester Friday 4 A.M. arrived Canandaigua 11 A.M. Left Canandaigua Saturday 4 A.M. arrived Geneva 11 A.M. Left Geneva Monday 4 A.M. arrived Auburn 11 A.M. Left Auburn Tuesday 4 A.M. arrived Syracuse 11 A.M. Left Syracuse Wednesday 4 A.M. arrived Utica 11 A.M. Left Utica Thursday 4 A.M. arrived Schenectady 11 A.M. Left Schenectady Friday 4 A.M. arrived Albany 11 A.M. Left Albany Saturday 4 A.M. arrived Saratoga Springs 11 A.M. Left Saratoga Springs Monday 4 A.M. arrived Fair Haven 11 A.M. Left Fair Haven Tuesday 4 A.M. arrived Brandon 11 A.M. Left Brandon Wednesday 4 A.M. arrived Rutland 11 A.M. Left Rutland Thursday 4 A.M. arrived Bennington 11 A.M. Left Bennington Friday 4 A.M. arrived Troy 11 A.M. Left Troy Saturday 4 A.M. arrived Albany 11 A.M. Left Albany Monday 4 A.M. arrived Schenectady 11 A.M. Left Schenectady Tuesday 4 A.M. arrived Utica 11 A.M. Left Utica Wednesday 4 A.M. arrived Syracuse 11 A.M. Left Syracuse Thursday 4 A.M. arrived Auburn 11 A.M. Left Auburn